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Oscar Lee AVANT et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3653  
Application No.: 09/652,709 ) Examiner: Daniel K. SCHLAK  
Filed: August 31, 2000 )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 3, 4A, and 5 in the above-captioned application be amended by adding the label -- PRIOR ART -- to each Figure. The changes are indicated in red on the attached copies of the originally filed drawings.

Upon approval of the proposed changes, applicants respectfully request that the submission of revised drawings be deferred until after a notice of allowance has issued.

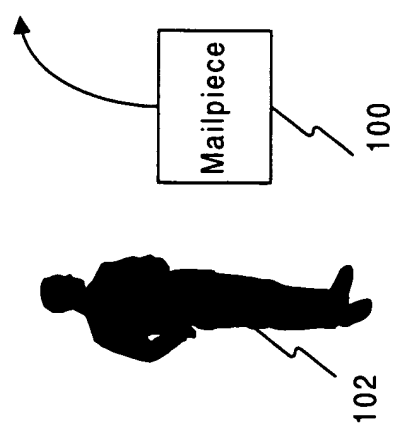
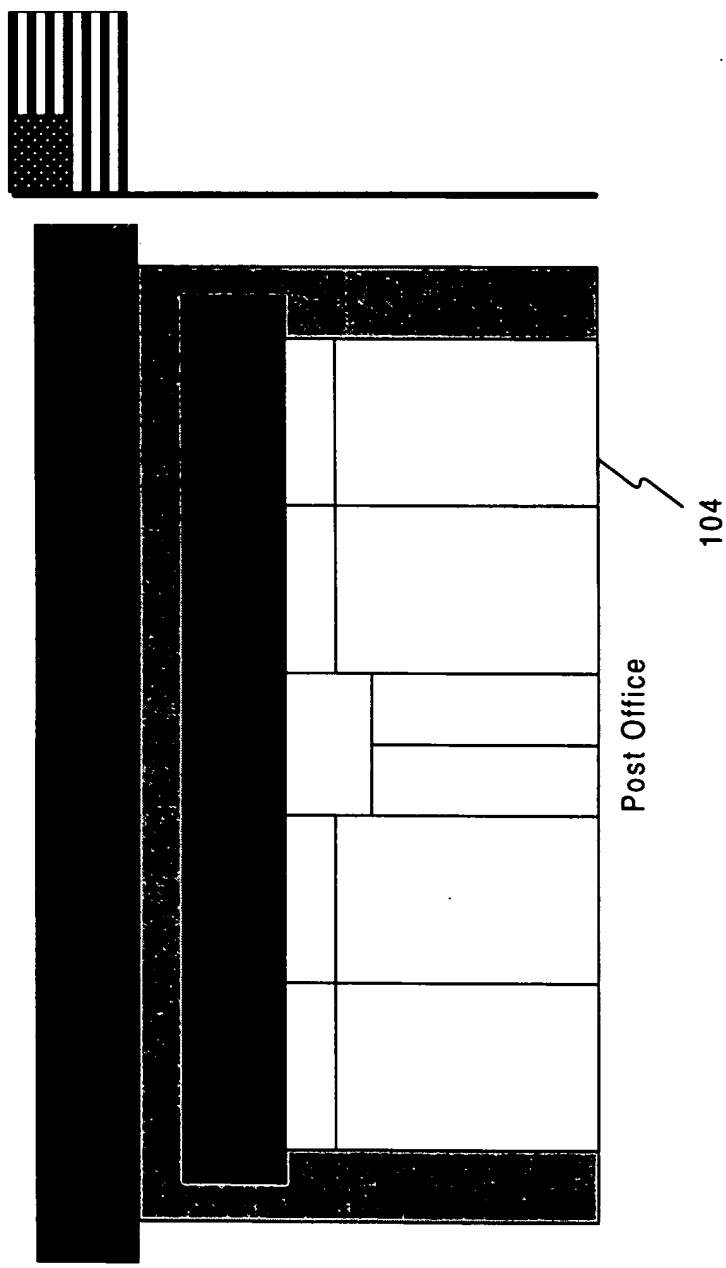
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-- PRIOR ART --

FIG. 1

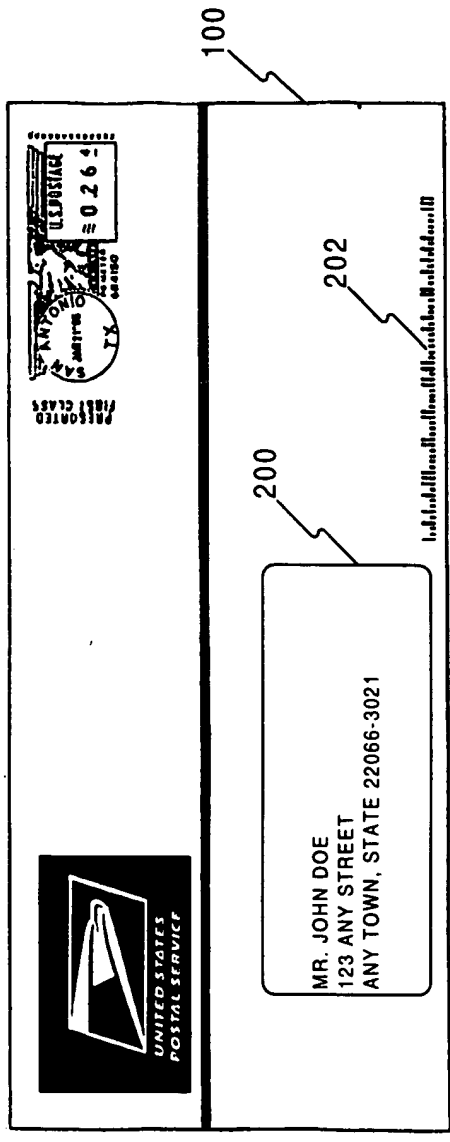


FIG. 2A --PRIOR ART--

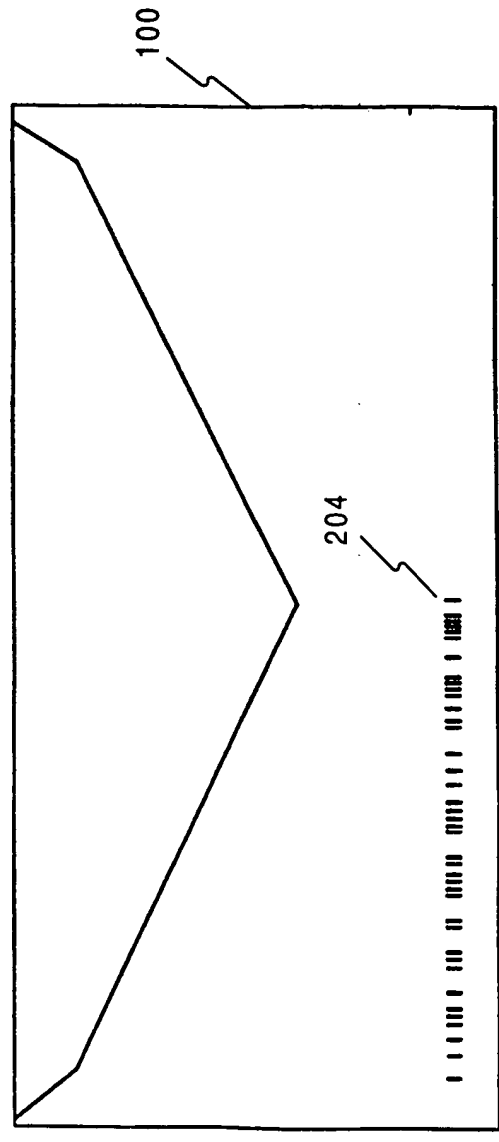


FIG. 2B --PRIOR ART--



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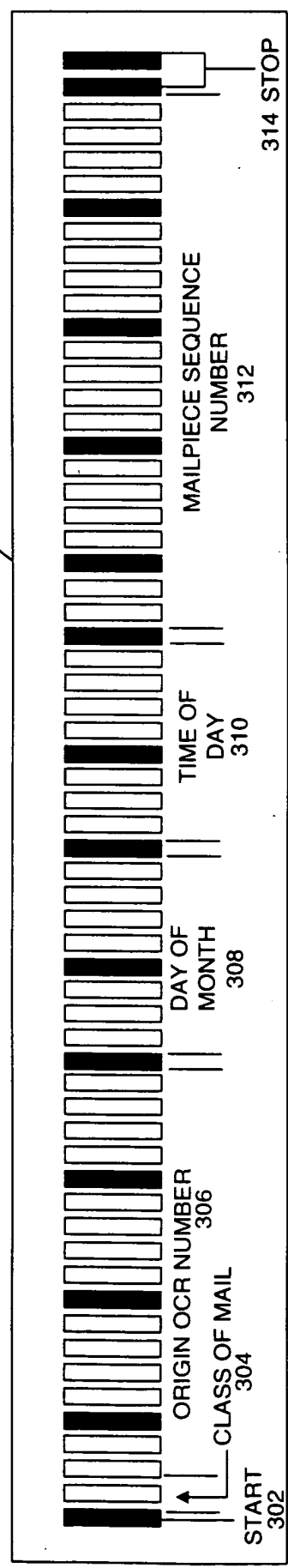


FIG. 3 -- PRIOR ART --

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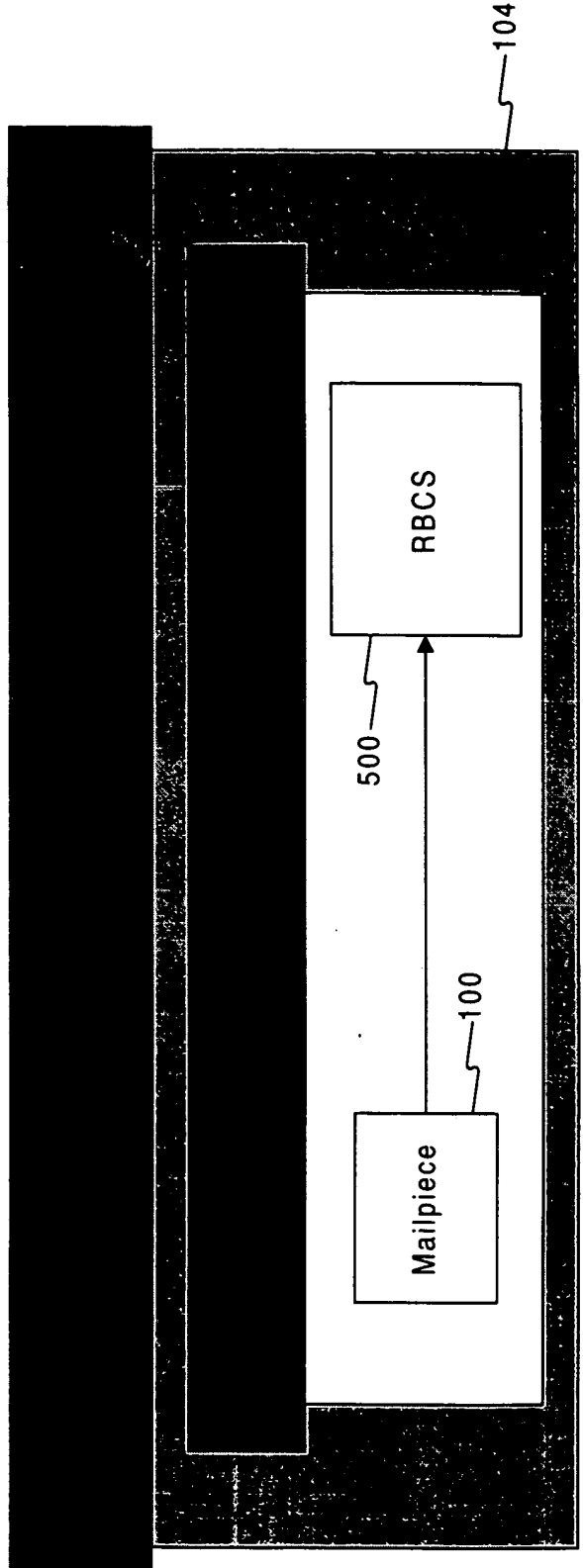


FIG. 4A -- PRIOR ART--

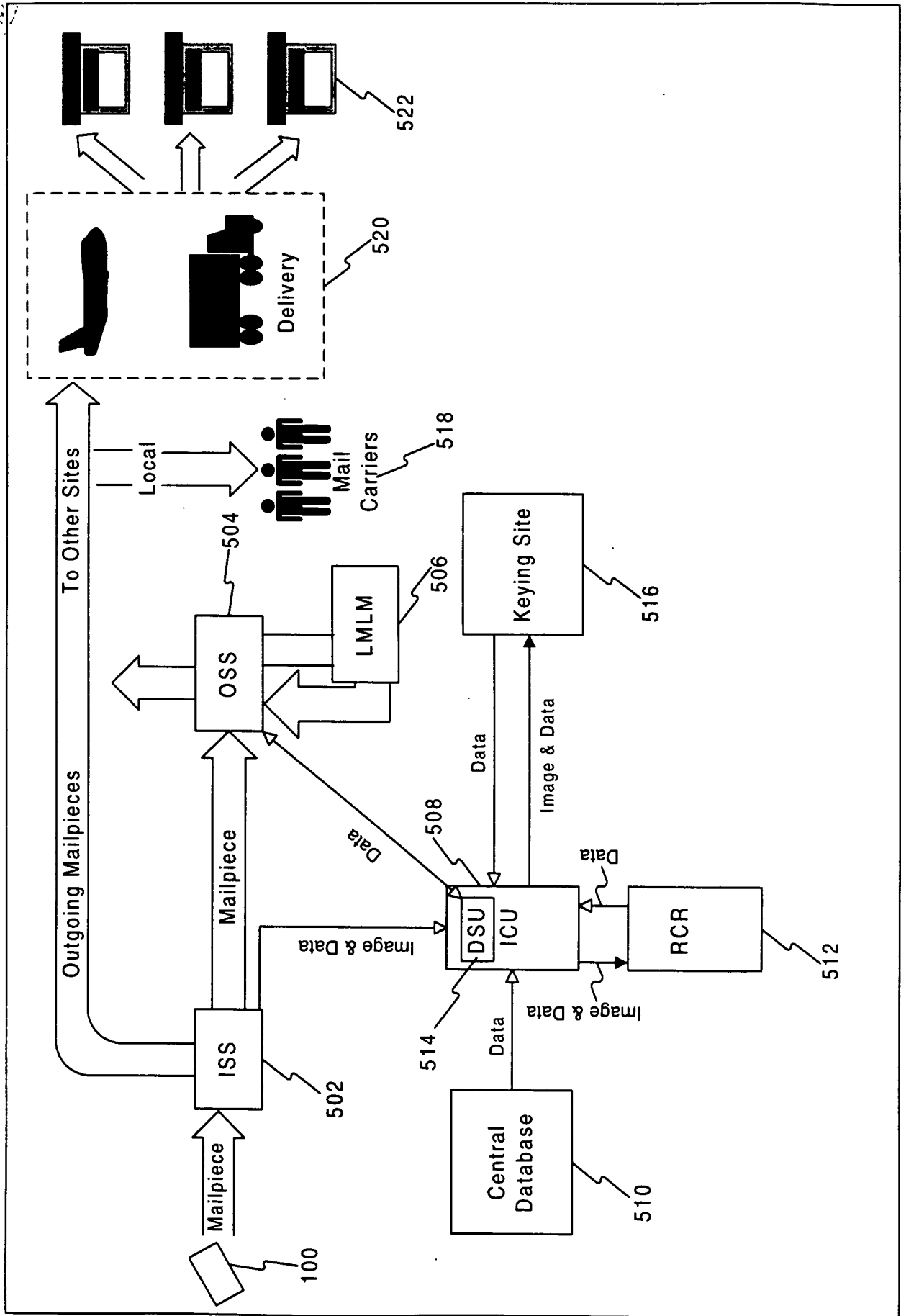


FIG. 5 --PRIOR ART --